

~~35. The method of Claim 28 wherein the container in which the mixture is formed comprises at least an inner surface made of a non-polyvinyl chloride material.~~

36. The method of Claim 28 further comprising the step of: transporting the mixture in the container in which the mixture is formed on a conveyor past at least two light sources.

~~37. The method of Claim 28 further comprising the step of: allowing excess methylene blue to leach into the container in which the body fluid is stored after mixture with the methylene blue and further after the irradiation step.~~

38. The method of Claim 28 wherein the light field is generated by at least one array of light emitting diodes.

39. The method of Claim 28 wherein the mixture is irradiated by the light field for a cumulative period of at least five minutes.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted with the above-identified continuation application. Pursuant to this Preliminary Amendment, Claims 1-27 have been canceled but newly submitted Claims 28-39 added. This Preliminary Amendment does not add new matter to this application.

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